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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2008. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

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